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Remarks

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006. With entry of this amendment, claims 5, and 18-24 are pending. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for carefully considering the subject application. Applicants also thank the Examiner for discussing claim 24 via a telephonic interview on June 30, 2006, and indicating that claim 24 is allowed. Applicants have further amended claim 18 to include limitations similar to that of claim 24, and thus submit that all claims are now allowable.

The above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

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